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Presenting, Searching, and Viewing  
Directories

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A computer system, comprising:
  - one or more directories comprising a plurality of directory objects each having one or more object attributes and data;
  - a directory shell referencing said one or more directories;
  - one or more categories in said directory shell, each of said categories being associated with one or more directory objects and at least a portion of the associated object attributes;
  - a query interface operable to query the categories in the directory shell; and
  - a directory interface operable to send a search request to the one or more directories in accordance with the query, and receive data from the one or more directories that satisfies the search request.

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